

Assembly Bill No. 2570

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
of _____, 2014, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Section 6141 of the Penal Code, relating to prisons.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2570, Skinner. Prisons: California Rehabilitation Oversight Board.

Existing law requires the California Rehabilitation Oversight Board to regularly examine the various mental health, substance abuse, educational, and employment programs for inmates and parolees operated by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and to report to the Governor and the Legislature annually on September 15 each year, as specified, and include in the report, among other things, findings on the effectiveness of treatment efforts and recommendations with respect to modification, addition, and elimination of rehabilitation and treatment programs.

This bill would additionally require the board, beginning January 1, 2015, to examine the department's effort to assist inmates and parolees to obtain postrelease health care coverage.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 6141 of the Penal Code is amended to read:

6141. The California Rehabilitation Oversight Board shall meet at least twice annually, and shall regularly examine the various mental health, substance abuse, educational, and employment programs for inmates and parolees operated by the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Beginning January 1, 2015, the board shall examine the department's effort to assist inmates and parolees to obtain postrelease health care coverage. The board shall report to the Governor and the Legislature annually, on September 15, and may submit other reports during the year if it finds they are necessary. The reports shall include, but are not limited to, findings on the effectiveness of treatment efforts, rehabilitation needs of offenders, gaps in rehabilitation services

in the department, and levels of offender participation and success in the programs. The board shall also make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature with respect to modifications, additions, and eliminations of rehabilitation and treatment programs. In performing its duties, the board shall use the work products developed for the department as a result of the provisions of the 2006 Budget Act, including Provision 18 of Item 5225-001-0001.

Approved _____, 2014

Governor